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TEXT OF STATEMENT MADE BY AMB SCALI IN SC AUG 14 FOLLOWS:

MY DELEGATION DEEPLY REGRETS THAT ALMOST A MONTH AFTER THE APPROVAL OF SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 353, WE HAVE FOUND IT NECESSARY TO MEET ONCE AGAIN IN THIS HALL TO CONSIDER NEW STEPS TO END VIOLENCE ON THE ISLAND OF CYPRUS. WE REGRET THIS ALL THE MORE BECAUSE THIS RETURN OF VIOLENCE WAS SO UNNECESSARY. PROMISING NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN GOING FORWARD IN GENEVA PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 353, AND IN KEEPING WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS AND TREATIES OF GUARANTEE ESTABLISHING THE STATE OF CYPRUS.

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BUT, UNHAPPILY, IN THE ABSENCE OF A CONCILIATORY SPIRIT

AT THE CONFERENCE TABLE, THESE NEGOTIATIONS HAVE BEEN INTERRUPTED AND THE GUNS OF WAR ARE SPEAKING AGAIN.

THE UNITED STATES, MR. PRESIDENT, IS CONVINCED THAT ONLY THROUGH SUCH NEGOTIATIONS CAN A SETTLEMENT EMERGE WHICH WILL RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT TO CYPRUS AND PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN. AS THIS COUNCIL IS AWARE, THE UNITED STATES HAS LENT ITS TOTAL SUPPORT TO THIS PROJECT. MY GOVERNMENT DID THIS BECAUSE OF ITS CLOSE RELATIONS WITH ITS ALLIES, GREECE AND TURKEY, BECAUSE OF ITS COMMITMENT TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF CYPRUS, BECAUSE OF ITS CONCERN FOR THE WELFARE OF THE CYPRIOT PEOPLE OF BOTH COMMUNITIES, AND ALSO BUT NOT LEAST BECAUSE OF ITS OVERRIDING CONCERN FOR PEACE IN THE AREA.

WE HAVE GIVEN OUR WHOLE SUPPORT TO THE VALIANT AND TIRELESS EFFORTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, A GUARANTOR POWER UNDER THE LONDON-ZURICH AGREEMENT, TO BRING ABOUT A MEASURE OF COMMON UNDERSTANDING AT GENEVA WHICH WOULD POINT THE WAY TOWARD A NEW CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT IN CYPRUS WHICH TAKES ACCOUNT OF THE NEW REALITY. IN THIS ROLE WE HAVE BEEN IN CONSTANT TOUCH WITH ALL OF THE PARTIES TO DO WHATEVER WE COULD TO ENCOURAGE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

THE UNITED STATES HAS TAKEN HEART FROM THE RESTORATION OF CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN GREECE SO ABLY LED BY PRIME MINISTER KARAMALIS. THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS PURSUED WITH DILIGENCE THE SEARCH FOR ARRANGEMENTS TO RESTORE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT IN CYPRUS. AS A GUARANTOR POWER, GREECE HAS LEGITIMATE INTERESTS WHICH MUST BE FULLY RECOGNIZED.

WE ALSO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE PEOPLE OF CYPRUS OF BOTH COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE ENDURED MANY HARDSHIPS IN THE PAST MONTH. THE ACTING PRESIDENT OF CYPRUS, MR. CLERIDES, AND TURKISH VICE PRESIDENT, MR. DENKTASH, HAVE BOTH MADE MAJOR CONTRIBUTIONS IN THIS COMPLICATED PROCESS OF NEGOTIATION.

TURKEY ALSO HAS LEGITIMATE INTERESTS WHICH MUST BE FULLY RECOGNIZED. MY GOVERNMENT MADE CLEAR YESTERDAY IN UNCLASSIFIED

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A PUBLIC STATEMENT ITS VIEW THAT THE POSITION OF THE TURKISH COMMUNITY ON CYPRUS REQUIRES CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION AS WELL AS A GREATER DEGREE OF AUTONOMY.

MY GOVERNMENT, MR. PRESIDENT, CONSIDERS THAT IT IS THE DUTY OF THIS COUNCIL TO DO EVERYTHING IN KEEPING WITH RESOLUTION 353 TO AID IN BRINGING THE PARTIES BACK TO THE NEGOTIATING TABLE. IT IS ONLY AT THAT TABLE THAT A CONSENSUS

CAN EMERGE LEADING TO A SETTLEMENT WHICH WILL BE SATISFACTORY
TO ALL THE PARTIES AND WHICH WILL BRING PEACE AND STABILITY
ONCE AGAIN TO THIS AREA.

THE DUTY OF THIS COUNCIL TONIGHT IS SIMPLY THIS. WE
MUST CALL FOR AN IMMEDIATE END TO THE FIGHTING AND WE MUST
CALL FOR THE EARLIEST RESUMPTION OF NEGOTIATIONS. MY
GOVERNMENT PLEDGES THAT IT WILL CONTINUE ITS OWN EFFORTS
TOWARD THE END THAT THE VOICE OF REASON WILL AGAIN
BE HEARD AND THE VOICE OF THE CANONS ONCE MORE STILLED.
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